

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/CA2004/001698

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC
IPC 7: A61K 38/27; A61K 47/30; A61P 5/06

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base, and, where practicable, search terms used)
Canadian Patent Database; Delphion; Genbank; keywords: growth hormone; somatotropin; ethylene; glycol; PEG; polyethylene glycol; polyol; sugar; stability; storage; aqueous; formulation

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US6011011 PHARMACIA & UPJOHN COMPANY, Hageman MJ, 4 January 2000 Whole document	1, 2, 4-6 and 8-12
Y	CA2378949 GRANDIS BIOTECH GMBH, Siebold B. et al, 18 January 2001 Whole document	1, 2, 4-6 and 8-12
Y	KATAKAM M, et al. "Use of Poloxamer Polymers to Stabilize Recombinant Human Growth Hormone Against various Processing Stresses", PHARMACEUTICAL DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, May 1997 vol. 2(2), pages 143-149; Whole document	1, 2, 4-6 and 8-12

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	
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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons :

1. Claims Nos. :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority; namely:

Remarks: Because of the inclusion of an injection step in claims 13-14 these claims are considered to be directed towards methods of medical treatment of a human or animal patient which the authority is not required to search under Rule 39.1(iv) of the PCT. The search has therefore been established based on the use of the formulations .
2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically :
3. Claims Nos. :
because they are dependant claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observation where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows :

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos. :
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos. :

Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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Patent Document Cited in Search Report	Publication Date	Patent Family Member(s)	Publication Date
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